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(57) Abstract

The present invention provides a method of treating a viral disease comprising administering to a mammal a polynucleotide construct comprising a polynucleotide encoding $IFN\omega$. The polynucleotide construct of the present invention can be administered free from associated with transfection facilitating agents or as a complex with at least one or more cationic lipids.

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